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SUB: SMC STATEMENT ON TRIPLE VETO

1. SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL ISSUED A STATEMENT OCT 21 ON TRIPLE VETO
UN RESOLUTION DEALING WITH SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. FOLLOWING
IS STATEMENT AS REPORTED ON FRONT PAGES OF GOVERNMENT OWNED
GHANAIAAN TIMES AND DAILY GRAPHIC OCT 22:

"THEGHANA GOVERNMENT WISHES TO MAKE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO
THOSE COUNTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR VETOING THE RESOLUTION
YESTERDAY AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT IT CONSIDERS THIS AN
ABUSE OF VETO POWERS AND AN UNFRIENDLY ACT NOT ONLY AGAINST
THE PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA BUT ALSO AGAINST ALL THOSE WHO STAND
FOR LEGALITY, FREEDOM AND EQUALITY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS."

" IT IS AN ACT WHICH CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS CONCERTED
EFFORT TO BUY TIME FOR THE SO-CALLED CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS
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INITIATED BY THE VORSTER REGIME WITH PUPPET TRIBAL CHIEFS

OF NAMIBIA TO THE EXCLUSION OF SWAPO WITH A VIEW TO
PRESERVING SOUTH AFRICA'S IMPERIALIST STRANGLEHOLD OVER
NAMIBI.

"THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PARTICULAR PERMANENT MEMBERS OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE
LEAVES GHANA NO CHOICE, ESPECIALLY AS THEY HAVE BEEN
RECENTLY PERSISTENT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT A
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN
DOMINATION, BUT TO QUESTION THE WISDOM AND EFFICACY OF
THE METHODS PROPOSED BY THEM FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE
WORLD COMMUNITY'S COMBAT AGAINST APARTHEID, COLONIALISM
AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF INJUSTICE.

"GHANA DEFINITELY REJECTS ANY STRATEGY THAT IS AIMED
AT BENEFITING RACIST AND IMPERIALIST INTERESTS BY LENDING
SUPPORT IN NAMIBIA TO ILLEGALITY AGAINST THE OVERWHELMING
VERDICT OF WORLD OPINION.

" IN SPITE OF THE FAILURE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AT
THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE GHANA GOVERNMENT RENEWS ITS
DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST SWAPO AND THE PEOPLE OF
NAMIBIA, BOTH MORALLY AND MATERIALLY, IN THEIR JUST
STRUGGLE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN DOMINATION."

2. COMMENT: THIS MILD AND PRO FORMA CONDEMNATION OF THE TRIPLE
VETO COMES ON THE HEELS OF A VISIT TO GHANA BY SWAPO LEADER
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